(b) how many cases are now lying on the file of the Cochin Magistrate, Mattancheri, and who was looking after the duty of trying these cases during the above period ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) Yes.

(ii) From the afternoon of 13th Mithunam 1109 to the afternoon of 3rd Karkadagam 1109. The reason was that the Sub-Magistrate of Cochin was asked to take charge as District Munsiff of Vadakkancheri, urgently before orders appointing a substitute at Cochin could be issued.

(b) There were 104 Second Class cases and 17 First Class cases on the file of the Cochin Magistrate. The Kanayannur Magistrate was in charge of the Court in Mattancheri as well.

Purchase of horses.

341. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answers to Question No. 214, dated 21st February 1934 and also answers to supplementary questions:—

(a) whether the enquiry is over; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the enquiry report will be printed and placed on the table ;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government on the report;

(d) the price of each geld and mare paid in Bombay ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) (b) and (c). The matter is still under enquiry.

(d) Rs. 550 each.

Confirmation in the Traffic Department.

342. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Traffic Department was not confirmed recently;

(b) whether there is any Traffic Inspector or Superintendent in the confirmed Traffic Department ;

(c) whether the present head of the Traffic Department has any experience in the said department;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the negative, what were the reasons to prefer one without experience to the one with experience ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) No answer is necessary in view of reply to (c).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The present head of the Traffic Department, it is said, has some experience in the

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